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Camp of the Carrier. Some amusing particulars of the inventions that have been offered to the French war office since 1571 have recently been published in a French newspaper, the majority of which, according to the London Court Journal, are about equal to the Laputan scheme for plowing fields, namely, by sowing acorns in rows and then turning in pigs to root them up. One genius sought a patent for the training of squadrons of horse flies. These auxiliaries were to be fed exclusively on blood served up beneath the delicate epidermis of mechanical figures clothed in the uniforms of members of the triple alliance, so that when political relations in Europe were strained the flies might be given daily a little of the juice of certain poisonous plants, and on actual declaration of war be turned out in the path of the enemy. Another ingenious person proposed a scheme for educating war dogs. In times of peace he would train French war dogs to bite lay figures wearing Prussian helmets, in order that on the outbreak of war the kennels of the whole country might be mobilized, and let lose on the enemy. Then there are numerous proposals for bridging rivers by means of ropes attached to cannon balls, and a photographer suggests a novel kind of captive shell, which, breaking over the fortified position of an enemy, would disclose a small camera attached to a parachute. The enemy's fortifications would be instantaneously photographed and the apparatus hauled back by the string and the negatives developed at leisure. Two ideas are very inhuman. One is a scheme for sending large quantities of poisoned needles, as if in charity, to the enemy's generals, who would, of course, distribute them to their forces, and so poison the unfortunate users; and the other to charge explosive bullets with pepper. Two objects are pursued by the investor of the pepper-its discharge would blind the enemy and the great demand for the condiment in time of war woul stimulate the trade of the French colonies There are also many other

and increase the revenue of the counequally absurd proposals, such as suggestions for making soup by machinery, growing potatoes on barrack roots in December and killing whole army corps of Prussians by post-but they are too numerous to be men-

Cdessa.

and which in point of trade and prosperity ranks as the most important the river to meet me. city of the empire, has just been cele- "Yes, I do set a great store by its foundation. Built on territory and I must be a-going," — Forest and followed by their devoted suit. Proceded to Russia by Turkey in 1792, Stream. the foundations of the present city; were laid in 1794, and when at the beemigre, the due de Richelieu, arrived upon the scene to assume his duties of governor general, a post to which he had been appointed by Emperor Alexander, there were only 400 houses and about 6,000 inhabitants in the members of his cycle for the form of the had been appointed by Emperor Alexander, there were only 400 houses and about 6,000 inhabitants in the members of his cycle form. A touching story of a rat comes show, and the members of the horticultural societies of Vienna are proud to think that no such extraordinary spectacle as this was ever witnessed or recorded in the history of bees. ginning of the century, the French! about 6,000 inhabitants in the place. To-day the population is over 500,000. of whom no less than 150,000 are Hethe inhabitants are possessed of greater wealth, mostly amassed by

commerce. Money Thrown Away at Panama.

are falling into the water and acres of, minster Gazette. machinery are rusting to dissolution. On the isthmus are nearly 1,000 miles of steel track with locomotives and thousands of dump-carts, now half hidden in the tropical growth. Seventy-six great steam shovels stand side by side in the excavation buried the giant arms stand up above the advice. green. While 200 locomotives have been housed, it is estimated that ninetenths of the millions squandered on this prodigious enterprise is going to waste. Much of the excavated land the prompt inquiry. has been washed back into its original place and the great scar on the face of the Panama isthmus is rapidly fading from view.-Springfield Republican.

Negroes Hocking to England.

The Westminster Gazette calls at tention to the fact, upon the authority of Consul General Patrick Coilins, that negroes are flocking to England in great numbers. The steamship companies confirm Mr. Collins' statements, and add that nearly all the wealthy colored folks are scading their sons to study law, medicine or art in London. negroes and not Afro-Americans. The wealthy Afro-Americans send their sons to be educated at Harvard, Yale Argonaut. and Oberlin, and only in isolated cases

n the Country. They had but recently been married and the young husband was airing his down. wit before his bride. An old deaf man, unknown to the bride was passing. . I say," said the husband, addressing the old man, "you old baldheaded idiot, did you know your hat wasn't on straight?" "Why Charile?" interrupted the bride. "Good evening," said the old man, halting, and unconscious of the insult; "may I ask if you saw a big red calf come along this road a minute or two ago? I've lost sight of him, but I thought I heerd him holler."-Life,

Mankind's Endurance.

An old newspaper published in Boston has a notice of the marriage of Captain Thomas Baxter of Quincy and Miss Whitman of Bridgewater, on December 16, 1788, rafter a long and tedious courtship of forty-eight years, which both sustained with uncommon HIS KNIFE

The old gentleman shook the water straw through the stem, filled the in Vienna, which placed a couple of meal bags thereon, and as he sat down, gravely remarked:

"It's a wet rain." This sage remark having been the old man continued: "I've got a one of you fellers to get it out," at the same time producing an implement which appeared to be a cross between a marlin spike and a cheese knife. The sliver having been removed and thrown out on the wood pile for future an affectionate glance or two, and then proceeded.

lar? Now, I've had that are knife made myself from the horn of a deer The moment a rival presented herself,

up again as often.

there just where I'd left it.

eut it out of a big pickerel I caught to their human visitors. through the ice the next winter. Another time I came across an old bear with a cub. I shot the old one bers of which are governed conjointly and tried to save the young one alive, by two queens, and the bees apparentbut the little cuss clawed and scratched ly approve the innovation. me so I got mad and stuck the knife what is still more remarkable, the two into him fore I thought. It must monarche get along most satisfactorily have hurt him bad, for he gave a and without the slightest friction. Not powerful wrench, got away from me only are there no signs of rivalry, and run into the brush with the knife jealousy or attempt at those feminine

"The next time I lost it I'd been about three miles up the river looking were about half way down I wanted queen bee. the knife to cut some bacey with. It

brating the centennial anniversary of that kmfe, but it's cow time, boys, then separated quietly and peacefully,

Pathetic Tale of a f'at.

A touching story of a rat comes members of his family. To guard against misadventures the three go abreast, with a piece of stick in their mouths, which the youngsters use as a tiller to steer the blind gentleman magnificent public buildings or where with. Thus fortified the afflicted rat is enabled to take his walks over his native sewage farm, crossing planks to get a place in the brass band as a and eluding dogs as in the days of his youth and vigor. Even the lady who The great De Lesseps Panama ditch knife" will have no chance against the from the postoffice, and, linking her is a melancholy wreck. The wharves blind rat of Rickmansworth.—West- hand within his arm, walked on in

Very Conscientions.

A quiet, nice man had opened an undertaker's shop in a Western town, and about the second day after, the bully of the burg called on him and insulted him grossly. An hour later the undertaker called on a friend for in luxuriant vegetation, so that only the undertaker called on a friend for

"That tough, Bill Slug," he said, "came into my place awhile ago and little lower. "But what?" said he called me a liar.

"Why didn't you shoot him?" was

"I didn't like to," he said dididently. "Why not?"

"Aw, well," he hesitated, "I kinder thought people might say I done it for business purposes only.'

The Soul of Aaron Burr.

punch out the pith of a hair, and put shake 'em up, and they'd rattle."-

n Impression.

The reed bird, delicate and delicious lay supine on a bit of toast, when Uncle Caleb from New Jersey sat

"Are you fond of the little fowl?" asked the hostess. "Well," he replied, "ez fur taste,

they're fine. But ez fur 'pearance, I must say they 'mind me of a mosquiter growed up

Too Bad.

"Good gracious, Mandy!" exclaimed Josiah, as they approached the church door. "We can't get married thare, See that notice on the tree by the door on And Amanda slowly spelled out the notice: "D-o n-o-t h-i-t-c-h h-e-r-e."-Truth.

A Victim of Habit.

TWO QUEEN BEES.

hibition in Vienna.

A discovery was made and has been from his palm leaf, hung up his rub- demonstrated at the bee exhibition ber coat, rapped smartly his briarwood | held in connection with the Austrian pipe on the wood beach, pushed a horticultural and apicultural society bowl and started a smudge equal to a of the capital and the truth of coal pit, turned a pail bottom side up, which is vouched for by hundreds and thousands of visitors, besides being duly attested in writing by thirteen trustworthy and competent witnesses, including members of the aristocracy, adopted without a dissenting voice, scientists and physicians. And this discovery is of a nature to overthrow sliver in one of my hands and I want all other theories about the political constitution of bees which may play such a prominent part in political and scientific literature. Heretofore it was looked upon as an

established fact, which could not be called in question by the most skepticuse, the old gent carefully wiped the al, that each community of bees was blade of his tool, bestowing on it distinguished by its ultramonarchical principles and its loyalty to one queen. The members of the hive would never "Ain't it funny how some things'll hear of a pretender, still less of a stick to ye wus'n the itch or a bad dol- dumwirate or triumvirate, and any attempt to bring about such a change nigh on to forty year. The blade was in their political situation would have made for me by a tramp blacksmith, brought about a revolution. But the and there never was a better piece of lawful queen herself would not allow stuff put into a blade. The handle I things to go to any such extremes. I shot out in the swamp yonder. I've she would, speaking figuratively, atlost it several times, but it has turned tack her tooth and nail, and the duel would only end in the death of one or Drapped it into the lake one't both. We have changed all that through a hole in a raft of logs, but I now," the Austrian bees seems to say

exhibited a thriving hive, the mema-stickin in him. I put a ball into amenities which are the last resort of him, though, the next spring, and he cultured females of the human race wasn't very fat, but the knife was when compelled to endure the other's society, but the two queen bees are positively affectionate -- so affectionate, indeed, that one might be tempted for a likely rollway. I tied my boat to suspect that one of the two was a up to an old windfall while I ate my king in disguise, if such a hypothesis lunch. Used my knife to cut some were not rendered absolutely untenameat. Stuck it into an old log. For- ble by the strongly accentuated got it and started for home. When I physiological characteristics of the

One of the greatest authorities on was gone. Well, as I knowed jist apiculture, Dr. Dzierzon, whose name is where I'd left it, and as the water was favorably known throughout the world smeoth, I thought I'd go back and in connection with several ingenious get it. Now, I hadn't gone more'n inventions for the comfort of bees, sat half a mile, when I'll be blamed if I for hours at a stretch observing the Odessa, which is frequently de didn't see that ar knife stuck straight conduct of the two queens. They apscribed as the Liverpool of Russia, up in a piece of bark sailing along as proach each other from time to time grand as could be and a coming down without the slightest antipathy, and on two or three occasions actually caressed each other most tenderly and fessor Gatter received the first prize for his sensational exhibit, which is attracting crowds to the bee The document drawn up, signed and duly attested, will be preserved in one of the museums of Vienna, and copies

of it sent to apicultural societies throughout the world.

Sacrifice the First. He had been working all the winter cornet-player, and just as his hopes seemed to be on the verge of fulfilcent off their tails with the carving ment she met him on his way home silence until they reached the poplar walk. There she stopped in the long shadows and said: George, I wish you wouldn't play the cornet in the new band." "Why not?" said he, surprised. "It is a place of honor, and ingly. "It is nice to have you noticed by every one, and all that, but _____' She paused and hung her curly head a sharply. "Blowing the cornet makes -makes -- " Her voice sank to a pouting whisper. "Makes the lips so stiff and hard!" George has decided not to be the cornet-player in the

Vonderful Ad rout ek Echoes,

There are some remarkable echoes in the wood encircled Adirondack When the timid colonial clergymen lakes. A single whoop will be tossed were afraid to criticise Aaron Burr's about a dozen times from a bit of treason, they asked Lorenzo Dow woodland edging the lake, and when what he thought of Burr's meanness. the last echo seems to have died away He raised both hands like a great V some more distant woodland will sudand shouted: "Aaron Burr, mean! denly take up the call with increased Why, I could take the little end of loudness, and the sound will at length nothing whittled down to a point, fade out in extreme distance. The nearer echoes seemed to be filled with in 40,000 such traitor souls as his, the inexpressible freshness of the woodland, and it is hard to believe that the sound is mere airy mimicry of the human voice.

The Impudent Weasel.

Impudence seems to be the leading characteristic with the weasel in his relations with man. Perhaps the creature has confidence that his long, slender body can always be snatched away into safety before the ordinary human being can do him harm. At any rate, the weasel will coolly sit in the chink of a stone wall and watch the doings of men within a stone's throw of his asylum, and after nightfall the beast will crawl about fearlessly within a yard or two of any human being that may approach its

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SILVER CREEK, Nob., Nov. 21, 1894. Editor THE AMERICAN - Dear Sir: I cannot for the life of me see why It is that some of our Protestant people will say that the Ros an Catholic church is as good as any other church. I think they had better read ancient history a little more and see who are the leaders of the Reman Catholic church. They are the Jesuits, and they (Jesuits) dare not abide by the laws of our free America. They swear by Almighty G.d. that they will exterminate all heretics and their laws. Who is the Protestant, knowing this, that would vote for one controlled by them?

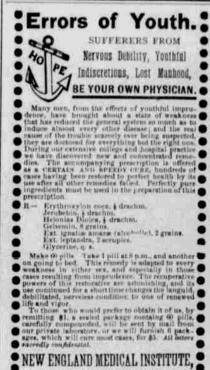
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